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25 March–17 April 2015

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General *

1. The thirteenth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 25 March to 17 April 2015. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Wednesday 25 March at 3 p.m.
2. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the thirteenth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public sessions, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the thirteenth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, new members of the Committee shall make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

3. Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from amongst its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. In accordance with rules 16 and 17, the officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years

and elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 9 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, unless the election of officers is required under rule 20. In accordance with rule 10, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

5. Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will hear the report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twelfth and thirteenth sessions.

6. Organizational matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider matters concerning the organization of the current session, in particular the adoption of its programme of work, a draft of which is contained in the annex.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 35 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will be updated on the reports received from States parties under article 35 of the Convention. As of the issuance of the present provisional agenda, the following initial reports have been received and are pending consideration by the Committee:

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Armenia	2012	21 January 2013	CRPD/C/ARM/1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2012	5 March 2013	CRPD/C/BIH/1
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2011	31 December 2013	CRPD/C/BOL/1
Brazil	2010	27 May 2012	CRPD/C/BRA/1
Bulgaria	2014	23 July 2014	CRPD/C/BGR/1
Canada	2014	11 February 2014	CRPD/C/CAN/1
Chile	2010	14 August 2012	CRPD/C/CHL/1
Colombia	2013	11 June 2013	CRPD/C/COL/1
Cook Islands	2011	9 December 2011	CRPD/C/COK/1
Croatia	2009	27 October 2011	CRPD/C/HRV/1
Cuba	2009	19 September 2014	CRPD/C/CUB/1
Cyprus	2013	2 August 2013	CRPD/C/CYP/1
Czech Republic	2011	1 November 2011	CRPD/C/CZE/1
Dominican Republic	2011	5 December 2011	CRPD/C/DOM/1
Ethiopia	2012	8 January 2013	CRPD/C/ETH/1
European Union	2013	6 June 2014	CRPD/C/EU/1

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Gabon	2009	4 October 2013	CRPD/C/GAB/1
Germany	2011	19 September 2011	CRPD/C/DEU/1
Guatemala	2011	16 October 2013	CRPD/C/GTM/1
Haiti	2011	20 March 2014	CRPD/C/HTI/1
Honduras	2010	31 December 2013	CRPD/C/HND/1
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2011	20 December 2013	CRPD/C/IRN/1
Italy	2011	21 January 2013	CRPD/C/ITA/1
Jordan	2010	3 October 2012	CRPD/C/JOR/1
Kenya	2010	3 April 2012	CRPD/C/KEN/1
Latvia	2012	3 April 2014	CRPD/C/LVA/1
Lithuania	2012	18 September 2012	CRPD/C/LTU/1
Luxembourg	2013	4 March 2014	CRPD/C/LUX/1
Malta	2014	10 November 2014	CRPD/C/MLT/1
Mauritius	2012	15 May 2012	CRPD/C/MUS/1
Mongolia	2011	8 December 2011	CRPD/C/MNG/1
Montenegro	2011	13 March 2014	CRPD/C/MNE/1
Morocco	2011	17 March 2014	CRPD/C/MAR/1
Nepal	2012	29 August 2014	CRPD/C/NPL/1
Oman	2011	1 September 2014	CRPD/C/OMN/1
Panama	2009	26 June 2014	CRPD/C/PAN/1
Poland	2014	24 September 2014	CRPD/C/POL/1
Portugal	2011	8 August 2012	CRPD/C/PRT/1
Qatar	2010	19 June 2012	CRPD/C/QAT/1
Republic of Moldova	2012	15 January 2013	CRPD/C/MDA/1
Russian Federation	2014	9 September 2014	CRPD/C/RUS/1
Serbia	2011	20 June 2012	CRPD/C/SRB/1
Seychelles	2011	18 September 2014	CRPD/C/SYC/1
Slovakia	2012	26 June 2012	CRPD/C/SVK/1
Slovenia	2010	18 July 2014	CRPD/C/SLV/1
Sudan	2011	1 September 2014	CRPD/C/SDN/1
Thailand	2010	3 December 2012	CRPD/C/THA/1
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2014	3 October 2014	CRPD/C/MKD/1

<i>State party</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Turkmenistan	2010	5 December 2011	CRPD/C/TKM/1
Uganda	2010	22 January 2013	CRPD/C/UGA/1
Ukraine	2012	12 April 2012	CRPD/C/UKR/1
United Arab Emirates	2012	24 January 2013	CRPD/C/ARE/1
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2011	24 November 2011	CRPD/C/GBR/1
Uruguay	2011	21 March 2013	CRPD/C/URY/1

8. Adoption of the biennial report (2013-2014) to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council

Under this item and in accordance with rule 35 of its rules of procedure, the Committee will adopt the biennial report to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council.

9. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 35 of the Convention

At its thirteenth session, the Committee will consider the initial reports received from the following States parties: Cook Islands, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Germany, Mongolia and Turkmenistan.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 41 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports have been scheduled for consideration by the Committee. A schedule for the consideration of reports submitted is set forth in the tentative programme of work annexed hereto.

10. Adoption of lists of issues on State party reports

The Committee will adopt lists of issues on initial reports.

11. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies

The Committee will discuss how to strengthen cooperation with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies, in order to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. Representatives of such organizations and bodies may seek to address the Committee under this item.

12. General comments and days of general discussion

The Committee will review the progress of work of the working groups established to draft the general comments decided by the Committee. The Committee has decided to establish working groups on women with disabilities (art. 6), the right to independent living and to be included in the community (art. 19) and the right to education (art. 24). Also under this item, the Committee will hold a day of general discussion on the right to education.

13. Methods of work of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will further consider its working methods.

14. Future meetings

The Committee will be informed of any developments relating to its future meetings. It will also consider the organization of its future work.

15. Treaty body strengthening: implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268

Under this item, the Committee will further consider the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

16. Activities under the Optional Protocol

The Committee will consider the complaints submitted under the Optional Protocol to the Convention and the conduct of inquiries.

17. Adoption of the report on the thirteenth session

Under this item and pursuant to rule 38 bis of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Committee may consider and proceed to adopt the report on the thirteenth session of the Committee.

Annex

Tentative programme of work

Week 1

Wednesday, 25 March 2015	172nd meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 1	Opening of the session
		Item 2	Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee
		Item 3	Election of the Chairperson and other officers of the Committee
		Item 4	Adoption of the agenda
		Item 5	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the eleventh and thirteenth sessions of the Committee
		Item 6	Organizational matters
	5.30 p.m. (closed)	Item 11	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
		Item 13	Methods of work of the Committee
		Item 11	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
Thursday, 26 March 2015	173rd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 8	Adoption of the biennial report (2013–2014) to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council
		Item 15	Treaty body strengthening: implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268
		Item 13	Methods of work of the Committee
		Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Germany
	174th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Germany
		Item 16	Activities under the Optional Protocol: communications
Friday, 27 March 2015	175th meeting 10 a.m. (public)		
	176th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)		

Week 2

Monday, 30 March 2015	177th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 11	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	178th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Croatia
Tuesday, 31 March 2015	179th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Croatia
	180th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Czech Republic
Wednesday, 1 April 2015	181st meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Czech Republic
	182nd meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Turkmenistan
Thursday, 2 April 2015	183rd meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Turkmenistan
	184th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 10	Adoption of lists of issues on initial reports: European Union
Friday, 3 April 2015	United Nations holiday: no meetings		

Week 3

Monday, 6 April 2015	United Nations holiday: no meetings		
Tuesday, 7 April 2015	185th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 11	Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, organizations of persons with disabilities and other competent bodies
	186th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Dominican Republic
Wednesday, 8 April 2015	187th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Dominican Republic
	188th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Mongolia
Thursday, 9 April 2015	189th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Mongolia
	190th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Cook Islands
Friday, 10 April 2015	191st meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: Cook Islands
	192nd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations

Week 4

Monday, 13 April 2015	193rd meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
	194th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
Tuesday, 14 April 2015	195th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
	196th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
Wednesday, 15 April 2015	197th meeting 10 a.m. (public)	Item 12	Day of general discussion: The right to education
	198th meeting 3 p.m. (public)	Item 12	Day of general discussion: The right to education
Thursday, 16 April 2015	199th meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
	200th meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 9	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties: adoption of concluding observations
Friday, 17 April 2015	201st meeting 10 a.m. (closed)	Item 16	Activities under the Optional Protocol: communications
	202nd meeting 3 p.m. (closed)	Item 16	Activities under the Optional Protocol: inquiries
		Item 17	Adoption of the report on the thirteenth session
		Item 12	General comments
		Item 13	Methods of work of the Committee
		Item 14	Future meetings of the Committee
	5.00 p.m. (public)		Closing

The Committee will meet at Palais Wilson, Geneva, Ground Floor Conference Room.